

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF
RECEIVERS AND COLLECTORS OF TAXES

EMAIL MESSAGE

October 27, 2011

Mr. Chris Collins
Erie County Executive
95 Franklin
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear County Executive Collins:

The purpose of this letter is to once again stand up and be heard. It is our understanding that the positions of Nancy Grant and John Przybyla within the Erie County Comptroller's Office have been targeted for elimination. As elected officials we rely daily on the expertise of these two individuals as we serve the public in our role as Tax Receiver's.

We would like to once again state that as elected officials we recognize your obligation to be fiscally responsible. It is important to note however that this responsibility also extends to ensuring that the decision to cut personnel and services does not adversely impact "our mutual constituents".

In review, during a tax collection cycle our offices collectively are responsible for the compilation of billions of dollars, dealing with upset and irate residents, reviewing and assessing tax and assessment problems and concerns, receiving and filing of petition adjustments as well as a multitude of regular and unexpected business related to tax collection. When problems arise in relation to these duties it is imperative that we receive answers and assistance in a timely manner. Nancy Grant and John Przybyla are both experienced and knowledgeable and have always provided immediate solutions to our problems. As tax receivers we have come to depend on them and are certain that the loss of their services in the Comptroller's office will have a direct effect on how we as tax receivers are able to assist our taxpayers who are all residents of Erie County.

The Erie County Tax Receiver's Association would like to go on record as being steadfastly opposed to the elimination of the positions currently held by Nancy Grant, Supervising Accountant and John Przybyla, Junior Tax Accountant. We respectfully request that these cuts be reconsidered.

Thank you for your time and interest in reviewing this issue. We are confident that after careful consideration you will agree and understand the importance of these positions. Please feel free to contact any of the officers of our Association if you would like further comments and information.

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Cc: Erie County Legislators